

3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Roseburg District Office
EA# OR-100-00-06

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Finding of No Significant Impact

The Roseburg District Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has completed the environmental assessment for 3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling to be used in conjunction with timber cruises. Two alternatives were analyzed consisting of a no action alternative identified as Alternative 1, and a proposed action identified as Alternative 2. The Alternatives are described in Chapter 2 of the Environmental Assessment, pages 2 and 3.

The following Critical Elements of the Human Environment would not be affected by the proposed application of 3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling: Air Quality; Environmental Justice; Non-Native, Invasive Species; and Wastes, Hazardous or Solid.

The application of 3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling would not occur in/on wetlands, park lands, prime farmlands, Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, or Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.. No unique characteristics would be impacted, as described in Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations, section 1508.27 (b)(3).

There would be no affect on potential Native American Religious Concerns. Issue identification in project-specific analyses would identify such concerns prior to implementation of 3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling (CEQ Regulations 1508.27 (b)(8)).

3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling would not be employed in the absence of a project-specific analysis for a timber sale or land exchange. Surveys for cultural resources would be conducted for project-specific analyses. Concurrence on a determination of cultural/historical significance would be sought from the Oregon State Historical Preservation Office prior to establishment of final project boundaries and application of 3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling. As a consequence, there would be no impacts to scientific, cultural, or historical resources (CEQ Regulations 1508.27 (b)(8)).

No adverse impacts to fish or wildlife were identified in the environmental assessment as a consequence of the application of 3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling (EA, Chapter 4, p. 13-15). Surveys for special status species would be conducted as part of project-specific environmental assessments prior to the potential application of 3P Fall, Buck and Scale Sampling. All required mitigation, including Terms and Conditions contained in any Biological Opinions from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service would be implemented. As a consequence, there would be no significant

adverse impacts to any special status species (CEQ Regulations, section 1508.27 (b)(9)), and any impacts would be within the range and scope of those analyzed in the Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

The action does not threaten a violation of Federal, State, or local law (CEQ, section 1508.27(b)(10)). The impacts of the proposed action on the human environment do not exceed those anticipated in the PRMP/EIS.

As a result of the analysis, of the ten points listed under 40 CFR § 1508.27(b), the following were considered and were found not to apply to the proposed action: significant beneficial or adverse effects; significant effects on public health or safety; effects on the quality of the human environment that are likely to be highly controversial; anticipated cumulatively significant impacts; highly uncertain or unknown risks; and no precedents for future actions with significant effects.

Based on the analysis of potential impacts contained in the environmental assessment, I have determined that the proposed action will not have significant impact on the human environment with the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and that an environmental impact statement is not required. I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) for the Roseburg District, approved by the Oregon/Washington State Director on June 2, 1995.

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Date